



**CITY OF TUCSON  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
(CODI)  
Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting of the Tucson Commission on Disability Issues was called to order by Chair Cyndi Segroves on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 2:33 p.m., in the Conference Room, at the Ward 6 Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, Tucson, AZ.**

**1. Roll Call**

**Commission Members Present:**

Susan Zimmerman  
Amit Algotar  
John Zimmerman  
Chandra Purnell-Bond  
Pamela Rhatigan  
Cyndi Segroves, Chair  
Vacancy  
Jeffrey Handt  
Will Bond, Vice Chair  
Robert Blizzard  
Christa St. Peter  
Vacancy

**Representing:**

Mayor  
Ward 1  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6  
Mayor/Council  
Mayor/Council  
City Manager  
City Manager  
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**Absent/Excused:**

Lisa Degiorgio

Mayor/Council

**Staff Members Present:**

Rick Guerra, Recording Secretary City Clerk's Office

## **2. Introduction of Potential CODI Members – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

This item was not discussed.

## **3. Staff Reports – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

- a. Equal Opportunity Programs – Alison Colter-Mack reported:
  - The self audit was progressing with 600 facilities yet to go.
  - One staff person conducts the audits and she helps when she can.
  - Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), a new law, came into affect November 21, 2009, which has to do with discrimination against individuals based on genetic testing.
- b. ADA Eligibility/Transportation – John Zukas reported that for the month of November, there were:
  - Two hundred twenty-one (221) applications requested.
  - Two hundred eighty (280) applications received.
  - Thirty-nine (39) applications returned as incomplete.
  - Two hundred seventy-five (275) ADA eligibility applications processed.
  - One hundred fourteen (114) new applications.
  - One hundred sixty-one (161) re-certifications.
  - Seven (7) of the new applications were denied as was one (1) of the re-certification applications.

This constituted 6.14% of the applications being denied of the total processed, two (2) ADA appeals scheduled and two (2) sustained. The average number of days to process ADA applications was 2.91.

- c. Sun Tran – Kate Riley reported for the month of November, there were:
  - Thirty-two (32) participants that attended the Sun Tran Accessible Rider Training (START).
  - Forty-one thousand, eight hundred seventy-eight (41,878) customer information center phone calls answered.
  - Five (5) ADA chargeable reports.
  - 1.6 million in total rider ship, a 7% decrease from last year.

- d. Sun Van – Patrick McGowan reported for the month of November, there were:
- Forty-eight thousand, eight hundred one (48,801) total demands.
  - Ten thousand, sixty-eight (10,068) cancellations.
  - Two thousand, seven hundred thirty-nine (2,739) no shows.
  - Thirty-five thousand, nine hundred ninety-four (35,994) total passenger count.
  - 1.7% rider ship increase from last year.
  - 97.45% “on-time” On time pick-ups.
  - Thirty-eight (38) customer contacts received.
- e. Parks & Recreation – No report was given.

**4. Call to the audience – None**

**5. Break – None**

**6. Chairperson’s Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Chair Segroves announced the possibility of holding the next CODI Conference in the Union Hall at the University of Arizona. She also said the Pima Transition Oversight Committee and the Anti-Hate Crime Task Force held their first meeting.

**7. Commission Members’ Summary of Current Events – Informational Only**

Commissioner Blizzard announced he met with Richard Elias, Pima County Board of Supervisors, to discuss the expansion of CODI into the county.

Commissioner Rhatigan announced her concern that at a University of Arizona football game, an Oregon fan was denied seating in the visitors section because there was no accessible seating in that area.

Commissioner Algotar announced he went to India and got married. He also said he wrote an article on the need for inclusive education and the need for an office for those individuals with disabilities in India.

Commissioner C. Bond announced she was working with Raytheon on programs to hire Veterans.

**8. Subcommittee Reports – Informational Only**

- a. Housing - No report was given.
- b. Public Relations/Education - Commissioner W. Bond reported he spoke with a representative from the Holiday Inn regarding poor catering service at the CODI Conference. He also said the Disability Resource Center (DRC) had concerns with the verbiage of CODI in the way it reads for persons with disabilities.
- c. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA) - Commissioner Rhatigan reported the next meeting was January 20th.
- d. Transportation - Commissioner Blizzard announced the subcommittee gave input on the configuration for the street car, and would continue to stay in the loop until the street car was completed.
- e. Employment - Commissioner S. Zimmerman reported that the next meeting was February 17th.
- f. Legislation - Commissioner J. Zimmerman reported that the next meeting was February 17th.

**9. Budget Report and Expenditures – Discussion/Recommendation/Action**

Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary, reported that the remaining funds in the budget for fiscal year 2009 – 2010 were \$3,790.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

- CODI Conference Shirts
- Attending the Southwest Conference

**11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**